

## The Authority of Jesus. Mark 1:21-28

I have often heard the statement  
Absolute power corrupts absolutely  
Another said, There is no stronger test  
of a man's character than power and  
authority. Samuel Butler wrote "Authority  
intoxicates, and makes mere sots of magistrates  
The fumes of it invade the brain, and make  
men giddy, proud, and vain. We can all  
testify to these truths, more than  
likely we have seen one or two down at  
work place get a promotion and find that  
their new found authority has caused their  
head to expand far beyond the size of man  
doors. But what about the God man  
how does he hold up when it comes to  
authority. How does he wield his  
authority. Is there any

I. The Authority of His Words - Jesus  
with his small band of disciples makes a  
B-line for the synagogue. He is a man with  
a message to declare. You ever seen someone

coming at you with full head of steam. Unloaded.

**A. Astonishing Words of Authority** - So many times in scripture we are not given what Jesus said. Road to Emmaus "Beginning at Moses" Here not given. But whatever he said he loaded their wagon. "Astonishing" Thunders struck. It was jaw dropping. Calling sin by name or giving the divine wisdom of God, whatever it was it was jaw dropping. "Not as scribes." These scribes would have endless debates over the law and the commentaries of law. For authority, they would quote Rabbi So & So to lend weight to argument. But Jesus taught plainly & forcefully. <sup>The Word made flesh</sup> <sup>Fresh preaching</sup>

**B. Agitating Words of Authority** - 1523 Then so much like today, authoritative words are agitating words. In this of relativism it is horrifying to come out and be dogmatic about anything. That's exactly what happened here. Agitating. And look who was in the church house. Look out there was a demon in the church. Preach used to say throw a rock in pack of dogs and the yelps the one that got hit. Preach - Healed dead, cast out sick and raised dead. Lu 6:16. Good preaching raises the devil. Hydrogoutazon, brings pimp <sup>to surface</sup>

**11 The Authority of His Works**

But Jesus was not all talk. There were works as well. When the dead man was raised Jesus just didn't turn it over to the presidency

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## A. An Over-Powering Work - vs 25

"Hold thy peace" What was the demon saying? vs 24 These demons were more theologically sound than your average seminary professor. They knew Judgement was coming. They knew end result they knew knew who Jesus was, they knew what he was, Jesus. Could it be possible to know all this and he lost yet what's the difference? They would not bow to the authority of Jesus. Jesus knew these things and <sup>Luther</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>oppressed Jesus can only</sup> rebuked rebellious devils. Thank God no matter what power the

## B. An Out-Casting Work - "Come out of him"

Not only did he shut the demon up but he cast him out. This devil that was deeply nested in the church was not only brought to the surface, but he followed my simple analogy he was popped out! Expelled from the body. This man, who'd been coked was radically changed that day! vs 26 "had torn Him" At the risk of sounding old fashioned and uncontemporary, Devil wants to tear your life up. God can cast demons out, but sometimes scars are left. Public scars <sup>personal</sup> scars

## III. The Authority of His Witness -

I can hear them laugh at the market place, talking to the baker + butcher, you aint gonna believe what happened



down at the church house yesterday!

A. Authoritatively Recognized vs 27 amazed stupefy - Saw dropping. Amazing words and amazing works! Immediately his authority was recognized. Notice "What new doctrine." I wasn't about miracle. The focus was on the message! The authoritative works, lent weight to the authoritative words. The two must go hand in hand. What about our words + works? The reason we get such a tepid response to our word is that our works don't match. Since <sup>By the way</sup> ~~fashioning~~ <sup>me to fine</sup> ~~clue~~ <sup>my preaching</sup> ~~never been so faced with that reality~~ <sup>held</sup>

B. Authoritatively Resounded - vs 28.

The world is awful silent these days in the thing of God and the Church. When Christianity does hit the news it usually because of the study that came out the other day stating that a majority of Americans are disavowing the faith of their fathers. They hear a lot of words, but so few works. heard a quote other day "You can't preach the good news and be the bad news." Does the world see the difference? If they were to they would be like these 3000 that were looking <sup>happening w/ these Christians</sup> <sup>ack</sup> in on what was <sup>2.</sup>

IV Closings We too like our masters should ring with authority. Our authority the word should be articulated and actualized in our lives. Is this the way of things in your life

On my grandmothers bookshelf, book "Religion in Shoes" The biography of Bro. James Alexander Bryan (Bro. Bryan) of Birmingham Alabama. "A simple prayer on a street corner or words of hope spoken across lunch pails in a busy factory touched the hearts of many. To pray with the bandit who tried to rob him was characteristic of Brother Bryan. Since he had only one suit to offer three men in need of clothing and he never refused anyone in need, he gave on the trousers, another the coat, and the third the vest. One fellow citizen in Birmingham said "I never seen a man who caught the message of Jesus and illustrated it so tenderly and gently and splendidly as Brother Bryan."